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Dear Sir:

## DECLARATION UNDER RULE § 1.131

- I, Andreas Premstaller, hereby declare that:
- 1. I am a co-inventor, together with Christian Huber and Hurbert Obstacher, in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770.410 filed June 7. 2000 and am most familiar with the subject matter of this application and the research effort which lead to the discovery of the instant invention. All the work described in the following paragraph occurred at the Institute of

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Analytical Chemistry and Radiochemistry in Innsbruck, Austria, a recognized WTO member country since January 1, 1995.

- Chromatography 855:273-290) and find that this reference describes a porous monolithic packing prepared with polystyrene-diviny/benzene support which is covalently attached to a fused silical capillary inner wall treated with a coupling agent trimethoxysily/ propy/ methacrylate to provide anchoring sites for grafting of the polymer to the silical surface. The median pore radius for a monolithic sample prepared with ethanol is, as estimated by Gusey, about 5 micrometers.
- 3. Our invention referenced above, teaches a device for separating a mixture of polynucleotides by ion pair-reversed phase-high performance liquid chromatography. The device comprises a polymeric monolith having non-polar chromatographic surfaces. The monolith comprises an underivatized poly-(styrene/divinylbenzene) matrix and is contained within a tube having an inner diameter in the range of 1 to 1000 micrometers.
- 4. Laboratory protocol notebooks regarding experiments related to this invention were kept by me as a Ph.D. student under the direction of Christian Huber.
- 5. I worked in Dr. Huber's laboratory during 1998 απά 1999.
- 6. According to laboratory protocol notebooks submitted herewith, the first synthesis of PS/DVB monolith using decanol and tetrahydrofuran as porogens was performed on August 6, 1998. We then succeeded in a first separation of proteins (lysosome from beta-lactoglobulin 8) in a PS/DVB monolithic column on August 25, 1998. See, e.g., the chromatograph at the bottom right-hand corner of the fourth laboratory notebook page. The first successful separation of oligonucleotides on a PS/DVB

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monolith synthesized with decanol/THF as porogens was February 10, 1999.

7. We were able to fully practice our invention described in the above-referenced patent application prior to the date of the publication of the Gusev paper. A copy of the relevant laboratory notebook pages hereby accompanies my declaration.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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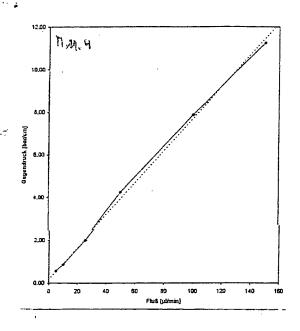
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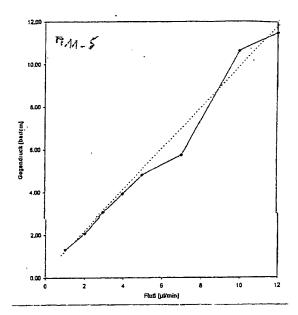
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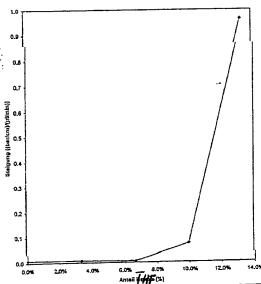
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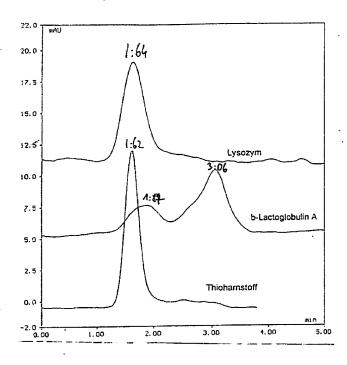
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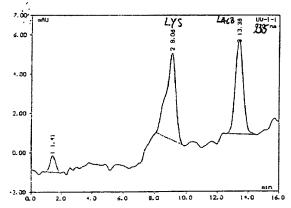


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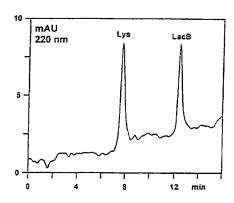
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Separation of proteins in a monolithic capillary column

Column, PS-DVB (monolith, 100 x 0.32 mm); chromatographic conditions, mobile phase, (A)  $\rm H_{2}O$ , 0.1% TFA, (B) ACN, 0.1% TFA, linear gradient, 30-60% 8 in 15 min; flow rate, 4.5  $\mu$  min<sup>-1</sup>; temperature, 25 °C; detection, UV, 220 nm; sample, lysozyme,  $\beta$ -lactoglobuline 5, 20 ng each.

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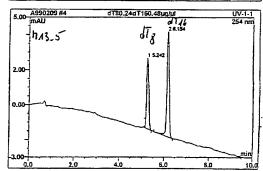
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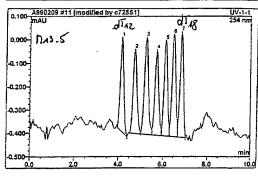




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